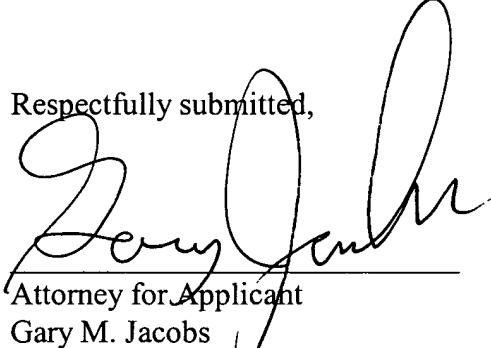


A careful review of the specification reveals that the various species are closely related and that all of the claims could be searched by one examiner without undue effort and a duplicative search by two examiners may possibly produce inconsistent results. In addition, it is believed that if one examiner acts on all the claims of the present application, overall examining time will be less than if two examiners are involved. Further, it is earnestly believed that examination of all of the claims by one examiner will best ensure that there will be uniform prosecution quality. Therefore, in the interest of prosecution quality and economy for both the Office and Applicant, withdrawal of the election of species requirement in this application is appropriate and is respectfully solicited.

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